GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR & RD Dept – Allegations of irregularities in execution of CC roads and drains taken up under MGNREGS programme for the Financial Year 2012-13 in PRI Division, Palakonda, Srikakulam District – Charges against Sri V.S. Gupta, former Assistant Engineer, Vig. & Q.C, Palakonda, Srikakulam District – Not proved in the regular inquiry – Representation received - Awarded with a warning to be more careful in future – Orders – Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 319 **Dated: 11-06-2021.**

Read the following:

1. From the DG, GA (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No. 10 (C.NO. 481-2/V&E/E2/2013), dt: 13.01.2015.
2. G.O.Rt.No.1166, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt:22.12.2015.
3. From Sri V.S. Gupta, former Asst. Engineer, Vig. &QC, Palakonda and working as MEO, MPP, Sarubujjili, Srikakulam District, written statement of defence dt: 6.7.2016.
4. G.O.Rt.No.754, PR&RD (Vig. I) Department, Dt: 15.06.2018.
5. From the Superintending Engineer, PR, Srikakulam and Inquiry Officer, Letter Rc. NO.. 152/2016/A1, dt: 17.08.2019.
6. Govt. Memo No. 2135/Vig. I/2015, PR&RD (Vigt. I) Dept., Dt: 02.08.2020.
7. From the ENC,PR, Letter No. Vig. I(1)/30395/2008, dated: 26.11.2020.

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ORDER:-

Based on the recommendations of the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department made in the reference 1st read above, on the allegations of irregularities in execution of CC roads and drains taken up in PRI Division, Palakonda, Srikakulam District under MGNREGS programme for the Financial Year 2012-13, in the reference 2nd read above, Government, have initiated disciplinary proceedings duly framing following articles of charges under Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Sri V.S. Gupta, former Assistant Engineer, Vig. & Q.C, Palakonda, Srikakulam District, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence :

Charge : That Sri V.S. Gupta, former Assistant Engineer, Vig. &Q.C, Palakonda, Srikakulam District executed providing internal roads with CC drains in SC, ST colonies in Mahartapuram (H) of

P.T.O.,

Bommidi (G.P & M) of Srikakulam District under MGNREGS programme for the FY 2012-13 and committed certain irregularities like issued QC certificate for the sub-standard work in which more than 20% of deficiency in thickness of CC pavement in Kotturu Mandal is observed causing loss to Govt. exchequer. Hence the charge.

2. In the reference 3rd cited, the charged officer Sri V.S. Gupta, former Asst. Engineer, Vig. &QC, Palakonda and working as MEO, MPP, Sarubujjili, Srikakulam District has submitted his written statement of defence.

3. Government, having not satisfied with the written statement of defence submitted by the above Charged Officer, have decided to conduct regular inquiry into the matter. Accordingly, in the reference 4th read above, Government have appointed the Superintending Engineer, PR, Srikakulam District as the Inquiry Authority to conduct inquiry into the charges framed against the charged officer Sri V.S. Gupta, former Assistant Engineer, Vig. &QC, and also against the other eight (8) co-charged officers involved in the case.

4. In the reference 5th read above, the Superintending Engineer, PR, Srikakulam District and Inquiry Officer has furnished inquiry report dt: 17.08.2019 along with his findings on each charged officer. In the findings, the Inquiring Authority, among others, has held that charge is not held proved against the charged officer Sri V.S. Gupta, former Asst. Engineer, Vig. &QC, Palakonda and working as Assistant Engineer, PRI Division Office, Srikakulam, Srikakulam District.

5. In the reference 6th read above, Government, among others, have communicated the copy of the Inquiry report to the charged officer Sri V.S. Gupta, Assistant Engineer (PR) for submitting his representation, if any on the findings of the Inquiry Authority.

6. In the reference 7th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, PR, A.P, Vijayawada has furnished the representation dt: 11.11.2020 of the charged officer Sri V.S. Gupta, former Asst. Engineer, Vig. &QC, Palakonda and presently working as Assistant Engineer, PRI Division Office, Srikakulam, Srikakulam District, wherein the Charged Officer has stated that, the inquiry officer given findings holding that charge is not held proved against him. He has requested to consider the same and to drop further action against him.

7. Government have examined the matter and observe that in the work "providing internal roads with CC drains in SC, ST colonies, Mahartapuram (H) of Bommidi" there was wrong identifying the thickness by the Charged Officer Sri V.S. Gupta, Assistant Engineer, Vig. & QC, during his Vig. & QC inspection. The amount is however recovered and there is no financial loss. Keeping in view the above and after considering the findings of the Inquiry Authority, it has been decided to warn Sri V.S. Gupta, Assistant Engineer, to be careful in future, for the lapse noticed on his part.

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8. Accordingly, Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby conclude the disciplinary proceedings against Sri V.S. Gupta, former Asst. Engineer, Vig. &QC, Palakonda and presently working as Assistant Engineer, PRI Division Office, Srikakulam, Srikakulam District, with a warning to be more careful in future in the matter.

9. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri V.S. Gupta, former Asst. Engineer, Vig. &QC, Palakonda and working as Assistant Engineer, PRI Division Office, Srikakulam, Srikakulam District
through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada.
The Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
Copy to:-
The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
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SECTION OFFICER